

LESSON 2

GOD SAVES THE ISRAELITES THROUGH THE JUDGES

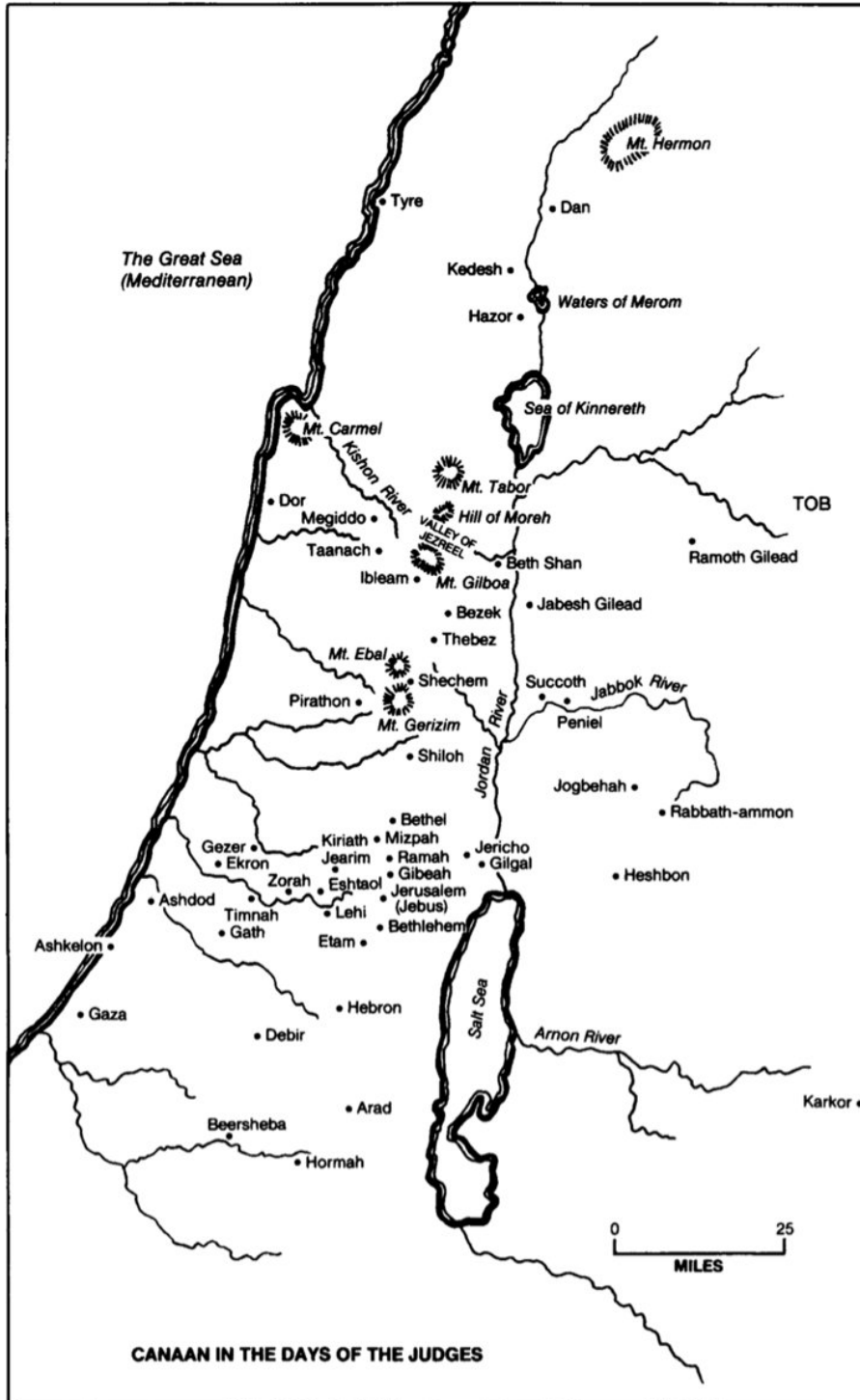
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THE ISRAELITES' FAILURE

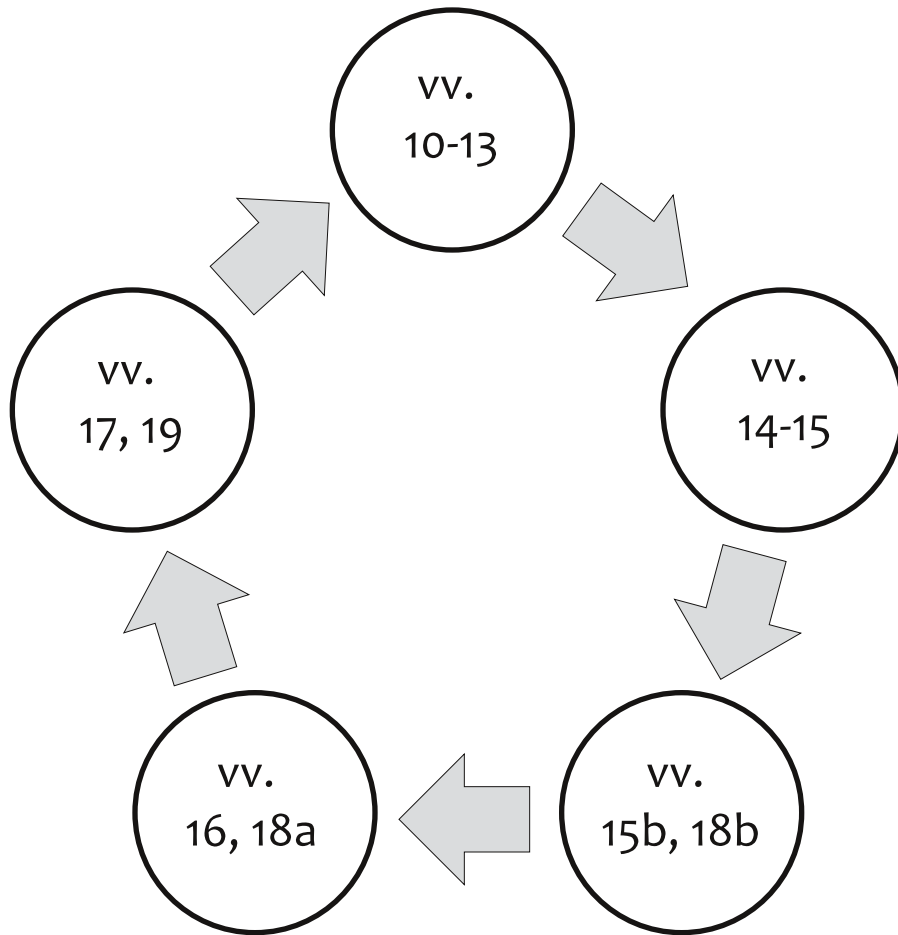
1. What was God's command to the Israelites?

2. Highlight every city where the Israelites failed this mission. (Hint: Judg 1:19-21, 27-35)



THE ISRAELITES' CYCLE OF SIN

Read Judges 2:10-19. Next to each sphere, write which stage that sphere is in the cycle of sin.



1. Each time the Israelites went back to their sins, did they get better or worse?

2. Why do you think the Israelites kept forgetting about God?

THE JUDGES' PROFILES

Fill in the charts with information about each judge.

Portrait	Name
	Bible Passage
	Special Characteristic(s)
	Achievement

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BREAKING THE CYCLE OF SIN

1. Read the scenarios below, and then answer the questions that follow.

Jonah and His Homework

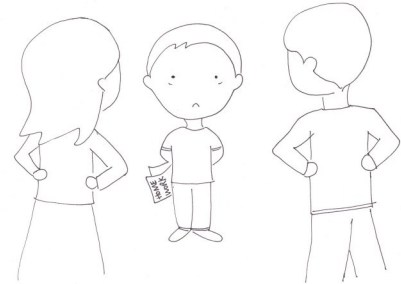
Jonah hated doing his homework. He found out that he could still get average grades in class without doing his homework. So, every time his parents would ask him if he had any schoolwork to do, Jonah would lie and say that he had already finished it. And whenever he went to school, he would lie to his teacher and make an excuse or copy his friends' work.

Jonah knew that this was a sin, and he wanted to stop lying. But every time a new assignment came along, he dreaded it so much. And every time he lied, he would have to say another lie to cover it up again.

One day during a parent-teacher meeting, his parents found out that he had been lying to them. They scolded him strictly and demanded to see his homework. Jonah felt deeply sorry for lying to everyone and prayed to God to forgive him. When they found out, his RE teachers reminded Jonah that he should study hard in school just as if he were studying for God.

Jonah began to put more effort into finishing his homework. Whenever his parents asked and he hadn't finished his homework, Jonah would still feel tempted to lie. But instead, he would say a silent prayer in his heart asking God to give him the courage to tell the truth and do the right thing.

Slowly and surely, by God's power, Jonah started to live and study honestly, bringing glory to God.



Discussion Questions

1. When was Jonah able to stop lying?

2. What would Jonah do every time he wanted to lie?

Lisa's Curious Ears

Lisa always found it interesting to learn about other people's lives. She also found it more enjoyable when she could share what she heard with other people. The more exciting the story, the more excited she would be to share it. Lisa knew it wasn't right to gossip, but she loved being the "girl who knew everything."

Even when she didn't know a secret, she would pretend she did and make up little details. Every time she shared a little gossip, Lisa would feel guilty, but the feeling of attention was much stronger.

Lisa's best friend at school and at church was Lily. Lily decided to tell Lisa outright that all her gossiping was hurting people and that this couldn't be something that pleased God. When Lisa heard this,

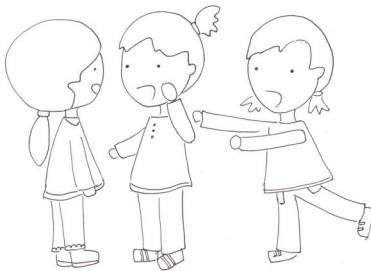
she felt the guilt again and agreed to pray with Lily to help her stop this bad habit. Lily would remind Lisa every time she was about to blurt out something about someone. And to give Lisa something different to talk about, Lily and Lisa started to read the Bible together after school.

After regular prayers and Bible reading together, Lisa found that her conversation topics had changed and that she no longer had the desire to listen to other people's secrets, let alone speak about them.

Discussion Questions

1. Did Lisa stop gossiping on her own? Who can help us break our cycles of sin today?

2. How do you think Lily felt before she confronted Lisa?



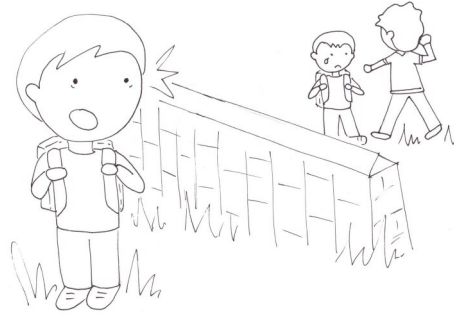
Ben and His Brother

Ben is ten years old and he has a younger brother, Tim, who is eight. From young, Ben felt as if his parents showed more care towards Tim than they did towards him. His mother would explain that Tim was younger and slower at doing things, so he needed their help and Ben's help. But Ben's jealousy would always get the better of him.

When his parents weren't around, Ben would push his brother around and call him names. He would unleash his anger—directed towards his parents and Tim—all on his poor brother. Every time, Ben's parents would come home and scold and discipline Ben for bullying his brother. But he thought that as long as Tim was getting so much attention, he had the right to act out, and he would continue to let out his frustration and anger on Tim.

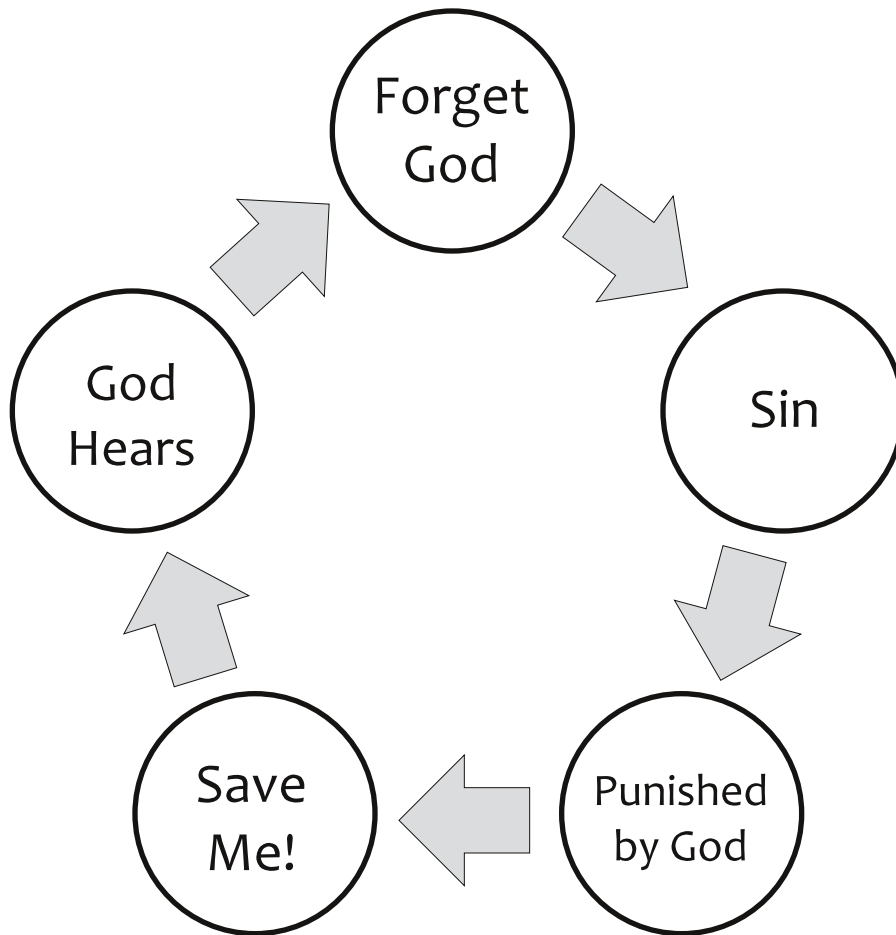
One day on the way home from school, Ben saw Tim being bullied by some other kids. Suddenly, Ben saw what he was like every time he hurt and yelled at his brother. Ben felt overwhelmingly guilty and repented to God.

Ben prayed to God and asked God to teach him how to be a better older brother, according to God's will. That week, during RE class, the lesson was about Cain and Abel. Listening to the Bible story, Ben knew that God was telling him how dangerous anger could be. Ben made a promise to help Tim however he could and made sure to pray for Tim and his family every day.

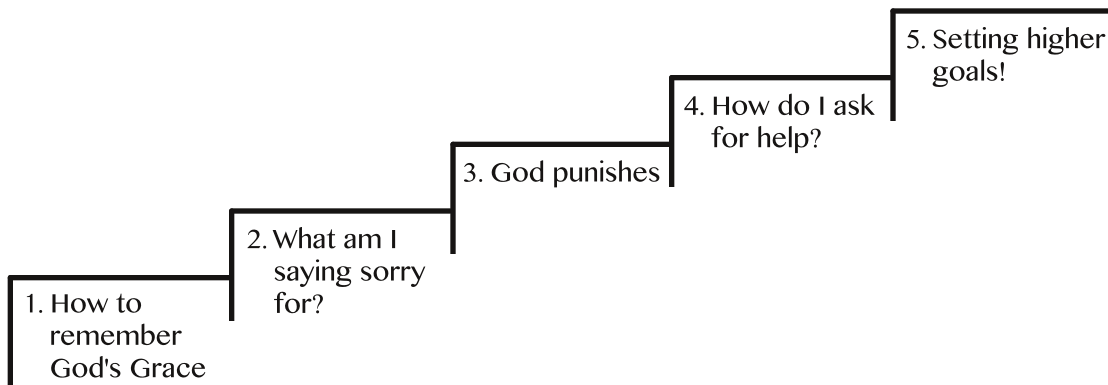
**Discussion Questions**

- 1. How did Ben realize that he needed to break this cycle of anger?**
- 2. How did God help Ben overcome this sin?**

2. Next to each sphere, write a past/current example of a cycle of sin you face:



3. On top of each step, write your action plan to break the cycle of sin.



"HOW CAN GOD USE ME?"

God will always listen to our prayers, but we need to know when we need His help and do our best to seek Him when we are in trouble!

In the situations described below, give the student advice as to how he or she can be a servant of God.

The Young Servant	How Do I Serve?
My friends at school keep asking me if I want to go to play at their place on Saturday. They're also Christian...	
The stationery cabinet in our RE class is always messy and I can never find the colored pencils I want...	
My RE classmate is sick this week and can't come to church...	
Lunch has just started at church, and we're all lining up for food!	
There's a tied up garbage bag next to the kitchen door at church. I wonder why it's there; it's going to stink up the whole place!	
A church visitor is sitting next to me with a closed Bible during Sabbath service, and it doesn't look like she knows how to flip to the passages in the Bible...	

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Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Weekly Bible Reading: _____

Bible Reading: Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

Prayer: Check each box after you pray to God that day.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. Judges 2:18a)

A. True Repentance in the Bible

For the questions below, first match the verses from the Verse Bank to the person described, identify the person, and then state whether you think theirs was a sincere or insincere repentance.

Verse Bank

1 Kings 21:25-27; Jonah 3:5-10; Acts 2:36-41; 1 Samuel 15:24-26; Genesis 3:9-12

1. I was afraid of what others would think of me if I didn't get God's approval, so I repented to the prophet and asked him to come with me.

Verse: _____

Who was repenting? _____

Was it a (sincere) or (insincere) repentance?

2. When we realized that we had done wrong as a church, the pastor asked us all to fast and pray—every man, woman, and child—hoping that God might forgive us.

Verse: _____

Who was repenting? _____

Was it a (sincere) or (insincere) repentance?

3. When we realized the sins we carried and our past ways of unbelief, our hearts were cut and moved to do the right thing. We repented and were baptized into Christ.

Verse: _____

Who was repenting? _____

Was it a (sincere) or (insincere) repentance?

4. After the Lord sent a prophet to tell me of my many sins, I immediately tore my clothes, put on sackcloth and fasted in repentance.

Verse: _____

Who was repenting? _____

Was it a (sincere) or (insincere) repentance?

5. When God asked me about my sin, I did my best to clear my name by telling Him about the others who caused me to behave that way and asking Him to see that it wasn't entirely my fault.

Verse: _____

Who was repenting? _____

Was it a (sincere) or (insincere) repentance?

B. "Judges Wanted" Advertisement

Write or draw an advertisement in the box below calling for all people of Israel to serve God, and include what qualities God would consider necessary to be a useful judge.